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YVONNE EARVIN PRESENTED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIP BY JUVENILE JUSTICE GROUP

On November 2, 2006, Yvonne Earvin, was the recipient of a \$540 professional development scholarship. While attending the 30th Fall Juvenile Justice Training Institute, in a ceremony before more than 400 juvenile justice professionals and policy makers from across the state, Earvin received one of two scholarships awarded by the Virginia Juvenile Justice Association.

Earvin is employed by the James River Juvenile Detention Home as the facility's Post-Dispositional Program Coordinator. She previously worked for the Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice as a Probation Officer in their 16th District and as a Counselor at the Beaumont Juvenile Correctional Center.

Outside of her office responsibilities, Earvin serves as the Co-Coordinator of the Youth Leadership Council for the Cumberland County Chapter of the NAACP. She also serves as an Election Official for the Cumberland Electoral Board, coordinates after school activities for middle school and high school youth, is a facilitator for Cumberland High School's Pulsar Club and is a member of the Virginia Juvenile Justice Association (VJJA).

Earvin, who completed her bachelor's degree at Fisk University, plans to use her scholarship to pursue a Master's Degree in Public Administration. She makes her home in Cumberland County.

Background: Each year the Virginia Juvenile Justice Association recognizes professionals who have made extraordinary contributions in the juvenile justice field. Meritorious awards are presented in the areas of: Administration, Court Services, Residential Care and Community Service. Recipients are recognized before their peers at VJJA's Fall Juvenile Justice Training Institute, held annually in November.

About VJJA: Founded in 1966, the Virginia Juvenile Justice Association (VJJA) is an organization comprised of professionals representing court services, the judiciary, indigent defense, detention homes, juvenile correctional facilities, halfway houses, group homes, mental health, education, law enforcement, social work, and others with an interest in youth and family services. The organization is administered by an elected board of directors and is committed to child advocacy and advancing the professional interests and competencies of its members. State and local training events are held, with a statewide conference held annually in November. Learn more at www.VJJA.org.



Yvonne Earvin, Post-Dispositional Program Coordinator,
James River Juvenile Detention Home

Elaine Champion, Substance Abuse Treatment Provider
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